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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 July 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 9-12, 15-22, 25 and 26 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 13, 14, 23, 24 and 27-34 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: Methods and Apparatus for Channel Estimation in an OFDM Communication System with a Plurality of Transmitter Antennas.

The Abstract format and content requires correction.

A patent abstract is a concise statement of the technical disclosure of the patent and should include that which is new in the art to which the invention pertains. If the patent is of a basic nature, the entire technical disclosure may be new in the art, and the abstract should be directed to the entire disclosure. If the patent is in the nature of an improvement in an old apparatus, process, product, or composition, the abstract should include the technical disclosure of the improvement. In certain patents, particularly those for compounds and compositions, wherein the process for making and/or the use thereof are not obvious, the abstract should set forth a process for making and/or use thereof. If the new technical disclosure involves modifications or alternatives, the abstract should mention by way of example the preferred modification or alternative.

The abstract should not refer to purported merits or speculative applications of the invention and should not compare the invention with the prior art.

Where applicable, the abstract should include the following:

- (1) if a machine or apparatus, its organization and operation;
- (2) if an article, its method of making;
- (3) if a chemical compound, its identity and use;

- (4) if a mixture, its ingredients;
- (5) if a process, the steps.

Extensive mechanical and design details of apparatus should not be given.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-8, 13, 14, 23, 24 and 27-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention lacks patentable utility.

Claims 1-8, 13, 14, 23, 24 and 27-34 are not limited to tangible embodiments. In view of applicants' disclosure, specification page 13, line 15, the medium is not limited to tangible embodiments, instead being defined as including both tangible embodiments (e.g. a transmitter) and intangible embodiments (e.g. an OFDM signal). As such, the claim is not limited to statutory subject matter and is therefore non-statutory.

As regards claim 1, the claim language is directed to "An OFDM signal" with the following intended use of "transmitted from an OFDM transmitter using a plurality of transmit antenna . . .".

As regards claims 13 and 14, the claim language is directed to "A data carrier" followed by an intended use.

As regards dependent claims 23, 24, 27 and 28, the claims are directed to "Processor control code and training sequence data", "A carrier", "A data carrier" and "A data carrier" respectively and each followed by an intended use.

Claim 29 is directed to "an OFDM signal" followed by an intended use.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-12, 15-22, 25 and 26 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art made of record teaches the training sequence of a MIMO OFDM system is used for channel and fine frequency estimation where the training sequence is incorporated in the data header and typically comprised of symbols which may be any type of signal, different durations, amplitudes, different frequencies and different characteristics. The prior art made of record does not teach the training sequence data being derived from substantially orthogonal training sequences of length K for each transmit antenna, the orthogonal training sequences being derived from a single MIMO training symbol.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure includes: Gupta et al. (US 2004/0165683), Hosur et al. (US 6,917,311), Paulraj et al. (US 7,058,146), Mody et al. (US 200/0181509) and Mody et al. (US 2006/0239370).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Blane J. Jackson whose telephone number is (571) 272-7890. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM-6:00 PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blane J. Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Blane" and last name "Jackson" clearly distinguishable.